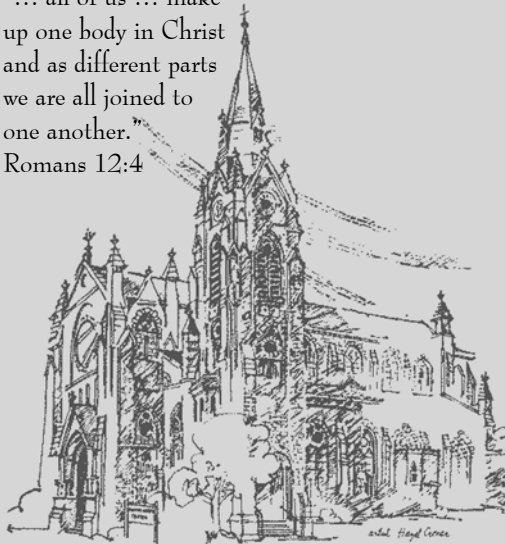


“... all of us ... make up one body in Christ and as different parts we are all joined to one another.”

Romans 12:4



We who gather at Corpus Christi are called into the Body of Christ. Alone we acknowledge our incompleteness; together we experience our wholeness as a people of God. Our journey of faith opens us up to opportunities for collaborative ministry, the pursuit of justice, and the celebration of our diversity. Strengthened by the Spirit, we accept our calling to be a church that affirms the grace of our baptism into Christ's death and resurrection. We acknowledge that we share in the transformation of the world through Eucharist, reconciliation, and prophetic witness to God's justice and peace.”

(Corpus Christi Mission Statement 2001)

Pastor: Rev. Martin H. Demek

Deacons:

Fritz Bauerschmidt and Frank Hodges

Coordinator of Faith Formation

Kristen Bowden

Food Program:

Beth Steinrock, Coordinator

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The Community of Corpus Christi

Welcome, Visitors!

If you are visiting us, the Corpus Christi community welcomes you! Please take a moment to introduce yourself to one of our ministers. And, please, visit us again.

Interested in Registering?

If you would like to register as a member of Corpus Christi parish, please pick up a registration form in the back of the church and return it to one of our ministers, the rectory, or drop it in the collection basket.

Mass Schedule

Weekends: Saturday: 4:00 P.M. & Sunday: 10:30 A.M.

Weekdays: Monday–Wednesday–Friday: 12:10 P.M.

Confessions: Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. and by appointment

Corpus Christi Grocery Program

Located at SFNC, 2405 Linden Avenue * Baltimore, Maryland 21217

For program information or to volunteer, call 410-523-4161

Faith Formation for Children

Faith Formation classes are held on Sundays, 9:15 A.M.-10:15 A.M., for K-8th grade. Students must have a year of faith formation before beginning sacramental preparations. If you would like more information, or to register, contact the parish office.

Baptism for Infants and Children

Parishioners should call the parish office to schedule a baptismal preparation meeting. Baptismal preparation is required for first-time parents. Ordinarily, both godparents are Roman Catholic. If there is at least one Catholic godparent, a baptized Christian of another denomination may serve as a Christian Witness.

Anointing of the Sick

Please notify the parish office when someone is hospitalized or homebound, and a staff member will visit. A parishioner who is ill can request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion either at the hospital or at home. When someone cannot attend mass because of illness, notify the parish office and Communion may be brought to the home.

Marriage

Any couple is welcome to be married at Corpus Christi, provided at least one party is Catholic. Registration in the parish is not required. Call the parish office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding date.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The RCIA is for non-Catholic adults who wish to become Catholic and for Catholic adults who may have been baptized but have not received other sacraments. Call the parish office for more information.

Parish Ministries

Pastoral Council * Liturgy Committee * Children's Liturgy * Faith Formation * RCIA * Artscape Weekend * Gays And Lesbians At (GALA) Corpus Christi * Hospitality * Marriage Preparation * Sister Parish * Small Christian Communities * and others.

Corpus Christi Baltimore E-mail Communication Group

Interested in receiving parish information by email? Send your email address to Gerri Gray, Gerri.Gray@gmail.com

Solemnity of the Epiphany

January 2 – 3, 2016

Sunday Lectionary Readings

This Week's Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2: 1-12

Next Weekend's Readings: Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7; Titus 2: 11-14, 3: 4-7; Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

Scripture Reflection

Epiphany is an ancient, global celebration of Christ among us. It reveals that Jesus did not come for a privileged few. He came to the whole world, to people who saw, heard and understood. We are not so much brought to Christ through institutions as by the powerful witness of those who – like the magi – have encountered him and his mercy. And even today this is so true. May we always reflect the merciful person of Christ in and through our words and deeds.

Let Us Pray For Those in Need of Prayer

Kenneth E. Bates, Lilian Mary Nabuline, Bob Trimble, Father Joseph Dworak, DeWitt Crews, Dick Ullrich, Patrice Cromwell; Jim Harris, Kim Maerkl, Sarah Murphy, Dennis Murphy, Frank Dorrer, Bernadette Brown, Mary Lou Palazzolo, Penny Tresca, Ken Cullin, Kurt Berger, Valerie Dimmer, Nancy Sherri Potter, Amanda Anderson, Tony Preston, Kristine Chiong, Rufino Labindao, Arthur Weaver, Julia Smith, Eloisa Santos, Francois Smets, Thomas Klein, Mary Romano, Keith Hargraves, Rosalie Labindao, Nina McKnight, Lilia Labindao, Frazier Brice, Vivonne Cooper, Colette Danek, Sarah Delcamp, Kathleen Ward Dragovich, Judith Zoellner, Jordan Crews, Joe Pezzi, Caylee Crews, Pat Kane. *Names will be listed for 6 weeks. If you would like a name listed for an additional 6 weeks, please notify the rectory).*

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday, Jan. 2, Thomas Parry, *deceased*

Friday, Jan 8, Paola Cairo., *deceased*

Sunday, Jan. 3, Robley Matthews, *deceased*

Saturday, Jan. 9, Helen R. Anderson, *deceased*

Monday, Jan. 4, Msgr. Art Valenzano, *deceased*

Sunday, Jan. 10, Parishioners Intentions, *spec. int.*

Wednesday, Jan. 6, Dr. Kieffer Mitchell, Sr., *deceased*

Collection Update

Last Sunday's Offertory: \$ 3,402.00 Budgeted: \$ 4,524.33

Last Weekend's 2nd Collection -\$ 2,248.00

This weekend's 2nd Collection benefits our Community Outreach Programs

Next weekend's 2nd Collection benefits our Community Outreach Programs

Attendance: December 19 - 20 – 4pm – 38 --- 10:30 am - 79

This Week at Corpus Christi

Mon., Jan. 4, 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	Rectory
Sat., Jan 9, 9:00 am	Lenten Liturgy Planning	Rectory
Sun., Jan. 10, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sun., Jan. 10, 9:15 am	Confirmation Class	Rectory
Sun., Jan. 10, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Mon., Jan. 11, 7:00 pm	Liturgy Committee Meeting	Rectory
Sun., Jan. 17, 12:15 pm	Baptism	Church
Mon., Jan. 18	MLK Celebration – Office closed and No 12:10 pm Mass	
Weds., Jan. 20	Finance Committee Meeting	Rectory
Sun., Jan. 24, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sun., Jan. 24, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Sun., Jan. 24, 12:15 pm	Baptism	Church
Sun., Jan. 31, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sun., Jan. 31, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church
Mon., Feb. 1, 7:00 pm	Pastoral Council Meeting	Rectory
Sat. – Sun., Feb. 6-7	Souper Bowl of Caring	Church
Sun., Feb. 7, 9:15 am	Faith Formation	School
Sun., Feb. 7, 9:15 am	Confirmation Class	Rectory
Sun., Feb. 7, 10:45 am	CLOW	Church

Visit our Parish Website at www.corpuschristibaltimore.org for more information

CORPUS CHRISTI NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Well here we are at the beginning of a New Year – the Year of the Lord – 2016 – the Year of Mercy.

The New Year usually brings about in our lives a whole series of new resolutions – things like losing weight, eating healthier, praying more, working harder etcetera. Do you think this year in light of the Holy Father's call for a Year of Mercy, we might find ourselves becoming more merciful in our words and in our deeds, in our interactions with our family, friends, workplace companions and yes, even those who are strangers. But above all, maybe we need to be merciful towards those with whom we disagree, those whom we do not like, those who might cause us pain.

Mercy is not an abstract thing – but rather it should be a most visible word or action. So as we go about making resolutions this year, let us put Mercy and Being Merciful at the top of the list.

Peace,
Fr. Marty

A Christmas Thank You

Many thanks to all who helped to make our Christmas celebrations so wonderful and so meaningful! Thanks goes out to our deacons – Frank and Fritz, to Dan Meyer and our choir, our cantors and musicians, to Cyndi Tiff and our Liturgy Committee, to Sallye Perrin and our Environment Committee, to our Eucharistic Ministers, our Lectors, to our POF'ers, to our Altar Servers, to our Ushers, to Jim Dimmer – our maintenance engineer, to our parishioners, families and friends who attended and gave so generously, to our visitors – may the merciful blessings and peace of Christmas be yours through this wondrous season and the New Year.

Christmas Greens

The Environment Committee, once again, would like to thank all the parishioners who donated Christmas greens that were used to decorate our sanctuary this year. Your generosity helped to create a beautiful environment to celebrate the holydays of Christmas.

Christmas Liturgy Memorials

Many thanks to the parishioners who donated money to the Christmas Flower Memorial Fund. Your gift in memory of your loved ones helped us tremendously to create a beautiful environment so as to honor those who have gone before us.

Stewardship Commitment Card

Please remember to send in your Stewardship Commitment Card as soon as possible. Remember to fill in your Offertory pledge and also to fill out your willingness to serve in some capacity. Remember this information will help us with our future budget and with building up the parish.

Past Collections

Weekend of December 19-20
Offertory: \$ 4,262.00 Budgeted: \$4,524.33
2nd Collection: \$ 1,439.00
Attendance: 4 pm - 21 10:30 am – 120

Christmas
Offertory: \$ 6,663.00
Attendance: 4pm - 234 10pm -115 10:30 am - 43

THANK YOU!!!!

A huge thank you to all of our parishioners for all of their holiday generosity for our grocery bag program. For Thanksgiving you shopped for and we packed 80 bags filled with extra food items to help make a delicious dinner. Christmas came with a new idea to sponsor a family by shopping for and packing a bag of groceries and this was met with great success. The families who participate in our grocery bag program were thrilled with all the wonderful extras that filled their bags. We couldn't have done it without you!

Sandwich Alert

We need your help. McDonogh school has begun donating sandwiches once again which is such a blessing. We are seeing a steady number of guests coming for lunch and with the colder weather around the corner that number will most likely go up. Please help us restock our freezers so we can continue this important ministry to feed the hungry. If you have any questions please contact Beth Steinrock at 410-615-7771 or beth.steinrock@archbalt.org

Grocery Bags

The bags this week contained the usual items of rice, cereal, cans of vegetables, fruit, tuna & soup, peanut butter and preserves. Fresh items in the bag this week were bananas, apples, carrots, and potatoes. Bonus food items were beets or black beans.

Food Program – Week of 12/14 – 12/18, 2015

Grocery Bags	Mon	20 Bags
Lunches at the Door	Mon/Wed/Fri	65 guests

Faith Formation

Confirmation students, our City Confirmation Social is Friday, January 8th at 6:00 PM. We are meeting at Shrine of the Sacred Heart in Mt. Washington for pizza and a movie. Meet the students who will be confirmed with you on April 27th! Faith Formation classes resume on January 10th for all students, kindergarten through Confirmation.

Coordinator of New Evangelization and Communications

What: Part-time (19 hours a week)

- develop evangelization and communications strategy
- manage all print and electronic communications and social media presence
- develop evangelization activities
- nurture relationships with the community
- help to foster the faith life of the parish community, etcetera

Where: Corpus Christi Catholic Church
110 W. Lafayette Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21217

When: starting January, 2016

Who: Man or woman, Catholic,

- with BA or MA in Theology, Religious Studies, or Pastoral Ministry; or a M.Div., or a BA or MA in Marketing with some background in Theology
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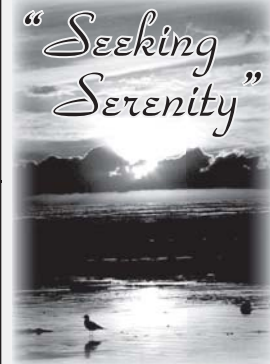
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